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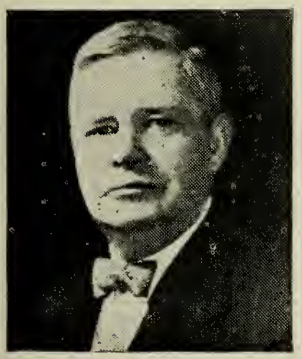
# OUR LEADERS

LATEST mail from the Headquarters of the Church brought word of the reorganization of the First Presidency, May 21st, 1945. Elder George Albert Smith, President and Senior Member, of the Council of the Twelve Apostles, was made President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. President Smith chose President J. Reuben Clark (Jnr.) as First Counsellor and President David O. McKay as Second Counsellor. They have served during the past as Counsellors to President Heber J. Grant.

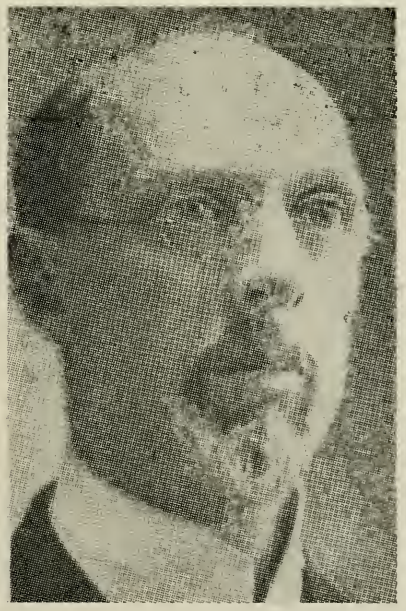
Elder George F. Richards, now Senior Member was sustained President of the Twelve Apostles.

President Smith is much loved throughout the church. His years of service in the Apostleship since October 8th, 1903, have especially qualified him for the high office he now holds. During these years he has travelled from one end of the Church to the other and is loved by the tens of thousands of members and non-members alike.

President Smith is the son of John Henry and Sarah Farr Smith and a grandson of George A. Smith who was a cousin to the



Pres. J. Reuben Clark (Jnr.).



President George Albert Smith.

Pres. David O. McKay.

Prophet Joseph Smith. These men have long been leaders in the church for his grandfather served as Counsellor to President Brigham Young and his father was Counsellor to President Joseph F. Smith. Smith is a half-brother to our new President, and John Henry Smith and Stan Smith are also names in this mission that are held in high esteem.

President Clark and President McKay are two of God's choice noblemen upon the earth, rich in leadership in the church and in the affairs of men. President Clark served as ambassador to Mexico prior to this church call, and President McKay was honoured and loved as the General Superintendent of the great Sunday School organization of the Church.

President George F. Richards was ordained an Apostle in April, 1909, and has since given the church the best of all he possessed in service and wise counsel. The many assignments of great responsibility he has had, during the years of his Apostleship, have been fulfilled with honour.

We wish to assure our Leaders that from the far ends of the earth we, in the South African Mission, shall find it a joy and pleasure to sustain them with hearts and hands through the years to come. We fully realize that under their leadership and

The early members of the South African Mission can feel a just pride and a bit closer in that our former President Nicholas G.

Pres. George F. Richards.

counsel we shall find the safety that is so essential in these days of great world events. So to you, our great leaders, we say the Lord bless you and sustain you in all your labours by day and by night.

J. B. S.

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# Origin of Man and Prophecy Fulfilled

**By PRESIDENT GEORGE ALBERT SMITH, of the Council of the Twelve**

*Following is the "Church of the Air" address delivered Sunday, April 8, 1945, at 11 a.m., from the Salt Lake Tabernacle.*

MY brothers and sisters, all children of our Heavenly Father: Wherever you may be, I greet you and address you with a prayerful desire that what I say may be a source of comfort and prove to be a blessing.

The Holy Bible contains the advice of our Heavenly Father and I accept without mental reservation the statements made in Genesis, Chapters 1 and 2, that in the beginning God created the heaven and the earth and every living thing that has inhabited the earth, including man.

"*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*

"*And God blessed them and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it.*" (*Genesis* 1:27, 28.)

"*These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.*

"*And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.*" (*Genesis* 2:4, 5.)

This was all a spiritual creation. Then follows the physical creation.

*"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."* (*Genesis* 2:7.)

It was in the plan of our Heavenly Father that every living thing that he created should each reproduce after its kind. Adam and Eve were the children of God; they were our first parents and every human being that has lived upon the earth descended from them. God gave them their agency to decide for themselves in all matters and held them responsible for their conduct. They received their instructions in the Garden of Eden from our Heavenly Father and those teachings were preserved for succeeding generations.

Biblical chronology indicates that nearly six thousand years ago our first parents began their earth life. The Lord instructed them how they should conduct themselves, and his prophets, divinely commissioned to speak for him, have taught Adam's descendants through the ages how to live to be happy in mortality and so qualify that when the time comes for them to die, they may pass into immortality taking with them the riches of their characters and the knowledge they have gained here. Those who conform their lives most nearly to the teachings of our Heavenly Father will receive the greatest reward and enjoy the most happiness here and hereafter.

Among other things the prophets were required to keep a record of the truth that was revealed to them from time to time that it might be passed on for the benefit of their posterity, each generation inheriting from their forebears. To-day, therefore, we of this generation are in possession of a record that has been preserved for our guidance containing information that the Lord has revealed from the beginning. I refer to the Holy Bible. Not only does it declare that which has occurred in the past but it tells of events that were to occur in the future, in some cases generations before they actually did occur. It also informs us that fulfilment occurred at the time that had been specified.

*The Prophet Amos said: "Surely the Lord God will do nothing but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."* (*Amos* 3:7.) *I know of nothing of great importance that has happened in the world that the Lord through his prophets has not advised the people of beforehand so that they have not been left in ignorance of what was to develop but could plan their lives, if they would, to their advantage. I cite the following incidents in support of this:*

The case of Noah is in point. He was commanded of the Lord to build an ark in which the righteous might be preserved from the flood which was to come. Noah built the ark and preached repentance to his generation for a period of one hundred and twenty years, thus fully warning them. The people, however, were so wicked that they failed to heed the warning. Having their agency they chose evil rather than righteousness. The rains descended and the floods came and only Noah and his family of eight souls were saved. All had been fully warned but because of their wilfulness and their refusal to repent they were drowned.

Another instance is that of Abraham and his posterity. He was informed that his seed would go into a strange land and after serving there for a period of 400 years would come out with great substance, all of which was thereafter literally fulfilled when Moses, being a descendant of Abraham, led the children of Israel out of Egypt back to the promised land.

Joseph, a faithful son of Jacob, who had been sold into slavery by his brothers, was in a prison in Egypt when Pharaoh had a dream that troubled him that his wise men could not interpret. Pharaoh was told that Joseph could interpret the dream and he was brought before the king. He informed Pharaoh that he could not interpret the dream but that God would give Pharaoh the answer. Joseph, having received the interpretation from the Lord, told Pharaoh that his dream was of great importance, that there were to be seven years of plenty throughout the land followed by seven years of famine and if Pharaoh during the years of plenty would accumulate food, when the famine came his people would not starve. Pharaoh accepted Joseph's interpretation

and advice, then rewarded him by making him overseer of Egypt, only the king being greater than he. At the end of fourteen years the dream as interpreted by Joseph had been literally fulfilled, the Egyptians having been saved from starvation.

*Another prophetic incident was the attempt to rebuild Jericho. When the city of Jericho was overthrown a curse was placed upon it and the people were warned that any man who should rebuild it would lose his first-born and his youngest son. The city lay waste until hundreds of years had passed, when Hiel, a Bethelite, who lived in the days of Ahab, ventured to rebuild the city but no sooner had he laid its foundation than Abirum, his first-born son, died. Still persevering in his determination to complete his work he set up the gates and Segub, his youngest son, passed away, thus fulfilling the prophecy.*

Then there is the instance where Jeremiah prophesised that Jerusalem would be overthrown and her people remain in bondage for seventy years. This was to be accomplished by Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. In due time Jerusalem with its beautiful temple was burned. Her princes, nobles, artisans and many of her people were carried as prisoners to Babylon along with the sacred vessels from the temple.

One hundred and forty years before Cyrus the Great was born the prophet Isaiah predicted his birth and announced his name and said that he should overthrow Babylon; also that he would rebuild Jerusalem, notwithstanding the fact that he was alien to all the interests of the Jews.

When Cyrus was about fifty years of age, after subduing many peoples and small nations, he appeared with his army before Babylon, the then greatest of all cities, with its impregnable walls, 300 feet high, and its mighty gates of iron and brass. Instead of attacking the walls he diverted the Euphrates River that flowed through the city and used the channel under the walls by which to enter Babylon. He captured the city without difficulty while Belshazzar with his courtiers were drinking themselves drunk and desecrating the sacred vessels of the house of the Lord which his father Nebuchadnezzar had brought from Jerusalem.

Within the city Cyrus found the Hebrew prophet Daniel, who had already interpreted the handwriting on the wall, having informed Belshazzar that he had been "weighed in the balance and found wanting." Having access to the Jewish records Cyrus learned that the God of Israel had decreed that he was to rebuild Jerusalem. He promptly issued a proclamation to the Jews to return to Jerusalem and for the nations to assist them in rebuilding the city and the temple. This was accomplished exactly seventy years after Jerusalem was destroyed, thus fulfilling Jeremiah's prophecy uttered more than one hundred years before.

The destruction of Babylon is another case in point. When Babylon was in the height of her glory Isaiah prophesised that it should be destroyed, "that it should never be inhabited, neither dwelt in from generation to generation." It was completely destroyed and inundated by the flood waters of the river. Now after more than two thousand years the city that at that time was the greatest under heaven is still a heap of ruins.

The Old Testament is replete with remarkable and almost unbelievable proprecies that were fulfilled to the letter. Only by the revelations of the Lord could the prophets have known what was to occur and only God could fulfil their predictions. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel Joseph and others were human beings like their fellows but they were chosen to represent the Lord and the inspiration of the Almighty directed their utterances and the power of the Lord fulfilled their promises.

Let us refer to one of many predictions in the New Testament. Read the entire twenty-first chapter of St. Luke.

*"And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh." This prophecy involves the fate of Jerusalem, of the temple and the whole Jewish nation for nineteen hundred years and is still in course of fulfilment.*

In the year 70 A.D. the Roman army encompassed Jerusalem. The faithful disciples, remembering the warning Jesus

had given, fled to the mountains. The city was taken after a long siege in which the inhabitants suffered the extremes of famine, pestilence and the sword. In addition to those taken captive one and one-half million Jews perished. The country was laid waste and the temple destroyed, not one stone being left upon another, and the population was dispersed into all the nations of the earth—all as predicted.

To-day the Jews are a people without a country and are suffering most inhuman treatment under the tyranny of so-called Christian nations. In their dispersion and suffering they have fulfilled prophecy and will in the future further fulfil it by returning to their homeland.

Jerusalem and Babylon, warned by the Lord's servants that they must repent of their wickedness or they would be punished, defiantly refused and destruction followed. Other cities and nations have become rich, powerful and wicked and have passed into oblivion. As we look back at these happenings do we fail to realize that to-day the world is reaping a harvest of sorrow and destruction because of the iniquity of its inhabitants.

*With the people of the world ignoring the advice of our Heavenly Father and suffering the penalty of wilfulness, will we follow the path of evil when the history of the past teaches us that destruction will eventually overtake us unless we turn to the Lord? Only repentance can save us. Will we repent before it is too late?*

We are not landlords. We do not own any part of the earth or its riches. At most we are only temporary tenants. We leave it all here when we pass on. Naked we came into the world and naked we depart. This is the Lord's earth and keeping His commandments is the rent we pay for the blessings of life and all that we will enjoy here and hereafter.

We are living eternal life and our position hereafter will be the result of our lives here. Every man will be judged according to his works and he will only receive that degree of glory that he has earned.

It is nearly 2,000 years since Jesus Christ our Lord came to earth and gave his life as a ransom for us that through him all might be resurrected from the dead. He was the first fruits of the resurrection. He taught us to love our neighbour as ourself and to do good to all people. His teachings in the New Testament was a most valuable part of the Holy Bible. It was he who said, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." (John 5:39.)

*He knew that a knowledge of the scriptures was most important. The nations that have been most influenced by the Bible have accomplished most to bring success and happiness and enlightenment to the world along every line of endeavour because they have profited by the guidance of the God of heaven and earth. We read in Job: "There is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." (Job 32:8.) In times like these we should seek that inspiration through righteousness. It will come in no other way.*

With our sons and daughters pouring out their blood like a river on the battlefields of the world to save us from destruction, surely the most praiseworthy and effective thing we can do to show our appreciation of their sacrifice will be to repent of our sins and set our lives and our homes in order so that we can worthily ask our Heavenly Father to restore peace to the earth and bring our loved ones back to us again.

I am grateful for the companionship of the many intelligent righteous people who live in this most favoured of all lands and in other lands. My life has been enriched by your association and I thank you for it. I desire most earnestly that we shall all earn and receive an eternal inheritance in the Celestial Kingdom of our Lord right here upon this earth when we attain to immortality. In this the evening of my mortal life I leave with you my testimony that I know that the God of our fathers, our God, still lives and loves us and desires our happiness and exaltation and I leave this witness with my love and blessings in the name of Jesus Christ His beloved Son, our Redeemer. Amen.

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# CONSISTENCY

RECENTLY a national news magazine described a prominent American as a devout Baptist. In the same issue of the magazine a report was carried indicating that this individual drank bourdon whisky with his friends who also drank bourdon.

The magazine's editor promptly received a letter from an outraged member of the Baptist Church apparently denying that the prominent American referred to was a devout Baptist, for he asked, " since when do devout Baptists drink bourdon? "

It is refreshing to see persons stand up for the consistency of things, defending their religious beliefs, and the good name of those who profess devotion to those beliefs.

The Latter-day Saints have long advocated consistency as regards profession and practice, and throughout its history, the Church has urged its members to live up to the principles for which it stands. This consistency is vital to religious faith. Without it, we cannot claim to be loyal followers of the Christ. Without it, we sail under false colours, endeavouring to give an impression of which we are not worthy. Without it we become exampleh of hypocrisy, of faith out works, hearers only and not doers of the word.

Each one of us may well inquire into our own consistency concerning our religion. Just what are our professions, and how well do we live up to them?

In the matter of every day living, our religion, among other things, stands for:

HONESTY. Are we honest with our fellow men? Do we give an honest day's work for our daily wage? Do we pay our bills? Do we speak the truth and not lie? Do we treat others as we would like to be treated, or do we stoop to unfair business or other practices? Do we cheat, do we defraud? And are we honest with God, or do we hold out on him from time to time."

CHASTITY. Do we guard our virtue and the virtue of our children? Do we actively teach them chastity, or do we let them learn from other children, taking a chance on whether such lessons will be good or bad? Do we teach them that sex sin is next to murder in the category of crime, and that if they are guilty God will give them an opportunity to repent, but if they fail to repent they stand under severe condemnation?

ABSTINENCE FROM LIQUOR AND TOBACCO. Are we like the prominent American complained of in the news magazine, who professed to be a devout believer in a religion which forbids the use of liquor but who broke his vows? No organization stands more firmly for clean living, and for abstinence from the use of both liquor and tobacco than does our Church. Our members are under covenant with Almighty God to abstain from these things. Do we keep our covenants, or do we stoop to inconsistency, turning our backs on our beliefs while we indulge?

ABSTINENCE FROM TEA AND COFFEE. Many Latter-day Saints are inconsistent in this respect. Many, with a laugh or a joke, make light of the Word of Wisdom as they take their steaming cup, saying that a little coffee " will never keep me out of heaven." Do such have either the faith or the works to justify God's blessings?

A SACRED SABBATH. This day should be devoted to holy purposes. How sacred are the things you do on Sunday? Let that be the measure of your consistency on this subject.

The Lord gives us His commandments. He expects us to make our lives conform to them. The commandments are not restrictions—they are instructions on how to live abundantly in this life, they are the rules for becoming " perfect as your Father in Heaven is perfect."

Each inconsistency in our lives becomes a barrier to progress; not only for ourselves, but for others who observe us and consider us as examples. Our religion is pure and straightforward. Let us be consistent with it.

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# DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

*Springs Branch.*

Reaford Futter, President, 67, 5th Street, Springs.

Our Branch was fortunate in having two of our members as representatives at the big "Ariel" Ball held at the Carlton Hotel, to select the winners of the big competition. Nola and John Troskie had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. We welcome back in our midst Sister Olive Jubber and her two sons, after their stay in East London. There was a wonderful spirit of unity and happiness on Sunday, 8th, when the full District Presidency were with us and every minute of each meeting, including the Officers and Teachers, report meeting was much enjoyed.

*North Western Branch.*

William H. Brummer, 37, Albert Road, Newlands, Johannesburg.

We are happy to announce that meetings are again being conducted in the McKnight home. On Sunday, 8th July, several members of the Liahona Branch paid us a visit and provided the speakers. Their presence was much appreciated. Sister Lilian Viljoen has been confined to bed with 'flu but is about again. Bro. and Sister Mans are missed from our meetings, being away on vacation.

*Ramah Branch.*

Francis M. Donly, 387, Highlands Road, Kensington, Johannesburg.

Two fine little boys have arrived in the Branch, one in the home of Mr. and Sister Rosario on the 1st June, and the other to Branch President and Sister F. Donly on the 22nd June. All are doing fine. Bro. and Sister J. G. Evans and Mary returned home on the evening of the 8th, and we are happy to report a great improvement in Mary. They, together with Kent and Richard, plan on leaving for the States in about three weeks or a month. A fine farewell party was sponsored by the M.I.A. in honour of our lady missionary, Sister Mercia Muir, on the 29th June. The M.I.A. were happy to have members of the District Presidency on their programme on the 1st July.

*Liahona Branch.*

Ariel T. Smith, 61, Victoria Street, Rosettenville, Johannesburg.

We are happy to report a good improvement in the health of Sister Botha after a severe illness. Brother and Sister Andrew Brummer's baby son is also on the improve and back home from a spell in the Children's Hospital. We pray that the blessing of our Heavenly Father will be with these good people in restoring them to complete health. Branch President and Sister Smith have done fine work in caring for Kent and Richard Evans during their parents' absence. Sister Jean Charlsley and son are holidaying in Rhodesia with her parents; we sympathize with Doug. in having his leave cancelled the last minute.

*Pretoria Branch.*

At his own request Bro. Karl Kunitz was released as Branch President. On the 24th June the visit of the District Presidency was enjoyed. The meetings provided fine spiritual food for all who attended. Sister J. Cowdery, Janet and Oliver are holidaying in Piet Retief where she hopes to obtain some genealogical information. Bro. Cowdery remains in charge of the Branch pending a re-organization. Sister Pat Gardener spent part of her school holidays in Pretoria with her mother. We appreciate the assistance of Bro. Dieprink in our meetings.

*Krugersdorp Branch.*

David Banfield, 23, Sterkfontein Road. District Township, Krugersdorp.

Regular cottage meetings are being held since the inception of the Branch and we would like to invite all members and friends to attend. A monthly meeting will be held in the Town Hall on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Visiting speakers will be arranged.

*Port Elizabeth Branch.*

Robert K. F. Doller, 18, Caithness Street, Walmer, Port Elizabeth, C.P.

Bro. J. P. Brummer with his wife and baby are staying in Port Elizabeth and we are enjoying their presence at our meetings. The infant son of Reuben G. Anderson and Sister Frances Doller Anderson was blessed

June 1st by President June B. Sharp and given the name Edward Vincen Anderson. Bro. Edwin J. Jakins, our missionary, was the main speaker at the services, Sunday, June 10th. He was on his way from Cape Town to Grahamstown. A pioneer social was held on July 19th, and all present had a good time. A Beetle Drive is scheduled for the 26th July in aid of the Primary Association.

*Durban Branch.*

Louis Duncan, 294, Essonwood Road, Berea, Durban.

Saturday, June 30th, a baptismal service was held at which Yvonne Joy Fagan and Margaret Rose van Eck were baptized by Bro. Louis Duncan and Douglas Sidney Smith was baptized by his father, and they were confirmed at the fast and testimony meeting, July 1st. We are very pleased to announce organization of the M.I.A. and Relief Society in the Durban Branch. Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for your success. An opening social was held for these organizations, Friday, July 6th, and all had a thoroughly enjoyable time. A sale by American Auction of delicious home-made cakes resulted in swelling the funds of the Relief Society. The Branch Presidency has obtained the use of the hall in Buchanan's Buildings for Mutual and Relief Society on Tuesday and Thursday evenings respectively, and these services will commence at 7.30 p.m. Sister Louise van Eck was admitted to hospital recently. We pray for her speedy recovery. Sunday, July 1st, Sister John Moore was released from the position of Sunday School teacher after nearly five years of faithful service A hearty vote of thanks was extended to her for her devotion to this work. June 14th, Bro. Louis Duncan visited Sister Vienne Jakins and Merle Schoonraad at Margate and whilst there he blessed the infant son of Mr. G. D. and Sister Merle Schoonraad. The name of Devlin Moroni Schoonraad was given.

*East London.*

B. A. T. Jubber, 5, Nahoon View Road, Southernwood, East London.

During the month Bro. Lance Jubber was released from army service and has returned to his employment in the railway services. During the month Sister Maud Jubber, Lance and Stella were on holiday at Cape Town and Port Elizabeth.

*Mowbray Branch.*

Thomas Wilson, "St. George's Villa," Forest Road, Rondebosch, C.P.

Wedding plans for Miss Joyce Halford and Bro. Ivor Gilmour are for July 25th. Heartiest congratulations and very best wishes for a long and happy life. Bro. Harry Spear is enjoying a leave in Mowbray. He and Lance Jubber were speakers at the Sunday evening service, July 8th. July 6th a successful Scout Dance was held at "Cumorah." A Pioneer Celebration is prepared for July 24th. Dinner will be served and the evening spent in dancing and a general good time. All the organizations of the Branch have joined for this fine celebration. The entire membership of the Church in the Mission will be grieved to learn of the loss of John U. Sharland, a faithful Church member. He was a member of the Armed Forces being returned from Up North, 11th July, when the plane in which he was travelling crashed at Kisumu. Tuesday, July 17th, a very fine Pioneer Party was held for the children of the Primary Association. Games and refreshments were enjoyed by the 38 pupils and teachers.

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**When Disappointments Come.**—From page 94.

Lord Jesus Christ will be done, but he will never succeed if you and I will be humble and will keep the Lord's commandments at all times in a plain and simple way and to the best of our ability.

Eternal life is the great prize, and it will be ours, and the joy of our Father in heaven in welcoming us will be great if we do right; and there is nothing so great that can be done in this life by any one, as to do right. The Lord will hear and answer the prayers we offer to him and give us success if it is for our best good. He never will and never has forsaken those who serve him with full purpose of heart; and the temptations that come from below, although strong, never are successful if we are faithful. But we must always be prepared to say "Father, thy will be done," and leave the time and the manner and the nature of our blessings to God in His wisdom.

From *The Improvement Era.*

# Sunday School Sacrament Gem and Concert Recitations for September, 1945

### SACRAMENT GEM.

May we forever think of Thee,
And of Thy sufferings sore,
Endured for us on Calvary,
And praise Thee evermore.

### GOSPEL DOCTRINE.

"See that ye love one another; cease to be covetous, learn to impart one to another as the gospel requires."—Doctrine and Covenants, Section 88, verse 123.

### GOSPEL MESSAGE.

"And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron."—Hebrews, Chapter 5, verse 4.

### SENIORS.

Courage, brother, do not stumble,
Though thy path is dark as night.
There's a star to guide the humble;
Trust in God and do the right.

### JUNIORS.

"Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."—Amos, Chapter 3, verse 7.

### INTERMEDIATE CLASSES.

We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

Ninth Article of Faith.

### PRIMARY.

I am God's little child; that is better than all,
He bids me obey Him; I'll follow His call;
My love and my service I'l gratefully give,
And praise Him and bless Him as long as I live.

### KINDERGARTEN.

"Jesus loved the little children
Little ones like me
He would bless and help them
And take them on His knee."

# Branch Teacher's Message, September, 1945

## "TITHING"

HOW well do you understand the Lord's law of tithing? A few questions and answers may be helpful in bringing to the minds of Latter-day Saints a greater appreciation of this law.

*What is the definition of tithing?* Moses received the commandments from the Lord that ". . . the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord." (Leviticus 27:32.). The Prophet Alma informs that ". . . our father Abraham paid tithes of one-tenth part of all he possessed." (Alma 13:15.) The Lord commanded the Saints through the Prophet Joseph Smith, that they ". . . shall pay one-tenth of all their interest annually." (Doc. and Cov., Section 119.)

There are two important points placed beyond controversy in the above quotations, (1) that the law of tithing is divine, (2) that tithing means the paying of one-tenth. A person cannot fully justify his claim to a belief in the word of the Lord if he denies the validity of the law of tithing. Any Latter-day Saint who does not believe in paying a full tithing should register his complaint with the Lord, for he alone is the giver of the law.

*Who should pay tithing?* "Members of the Church who have any income or increase from property, or who receive wages, salaries, or gifts, should pay one-tenth of their 'increase' annually. Children eight years of age and over who have been baptized are amenable to the law of tithing and should be encouraged to tithe their earnings, no matter how small the amount."

*Who are exempt from payment of tithing?* "Aged persons without incomes; women who have no incomes separate from those of their husbands; children who have no individual source of revenue; and persons entirely dependent on relief, are exempt from the payment of tithing."

*When should tithes be paid?* "The proper time to pay tithing is when one's income is received. Farm products, or preferably their equivalent in cash, should be paid in the season in which they are gathered, or at the time of their disposal.

Wage earners should pay their tithing weekly, monthly, or at such other times as they receive their compensation. The practice of delaying the payment of tithing until the end of the year is largely responsible for the failure of many people to observe this law of promise fully."

*What should be the attitude of the tithepayer?* Tithing should be paid out of a sincere desire to be obedient to the will of our Heavenly Father. If tithing is paid grudgingly or out of selfish motives, it is doubtful whether the tithepayer is entitled to the blessings promised those who obey this law in the proper spirit.

*What blessings follow the payment of tithing?* We need to pay our tithing infinitely more than the Lord needs the tithing we pay. A selfish person could not reasonably hope to share the blessings of a kingdom built upon the principle of unselfishness. When we pay our full and honest tithing, we overcome selfishness, covetousness, greed — we are obedient which, in itself, is a refining influence.

The Lord has promised that if we pay our tithing, he will open the "windows of heaven, and pour out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:8-10), and he always keeps his promises.

# When Disappointments Come

**By PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT**

I KNOW that the Lord blesses us from day to day with the ambition to do the right thing, provided we keep the right spirit; and by keeping the right spirit I feel that he will open up our way to do the things that are for the best, and will prosper us in our efforts. We will be blessed beyond all that we could possibly ask if we will only keep the spirit of wanting to know what the Lord would have us do, rather than the spirit of insisting upon our own views and opinions and ambitions.

Of course, being blessed does not mean that we shall always be spared all of the disappointments and difficulties of life. We all have them, even though our troubles differ. I have not had the same kind of trials that others have had to undergo, yet I have had my full share. When, as a young man, I lost my wife and my only two sons, I was earnestly trying with all my heart to keep the commandments of the Lord, and my household and I were observing the Word of Wisdom and entitled to the blessings of life. I have been sorely tried and tempted, but I am thankful to say that the trials and temptations have not been any greater than I was able to endure, and with all my heart I hope that I may never have anything more to endure than I will be blessed of the Lord with the ability to withstand.

I know that at times even when we are keeping the commandments of the Lord, things seem for the moment to go against us, and we become despondent and hardly know what to do or where to turn. I will say that I had just such feelings when I was president of the Tooele Stake, and for some time after I become an apostle, and I had them time and time again during and after the panic of 1893, for fear that I was to go into financial ruin, and it was a sore trial to think of such a thing when I had tried all the days of my life to serve the Lord.

President Lorenza Snow, after he was eighty and had been a successful business man, had to endure the humiliation of a failure in business, and he took it with such fortitude and with such a spirit of resignation to the will of our Father in heaven that I have been ashamed to think that the idea of complaining at any of the troubles that I have had in the past has ever entered my head. But think what must have been President Snow's great satisfaction when even later in life he was the instrument, in the hands of God, in helping to relieve the Church from debt.

Our lives will never cease to be acceptable to the Lord so long as we do no evil and set a good example before our families, and before all men; and when we are living such lives, it is the power of the adversary that would give us the impression that we are not doing anything and that our lives are a failure. The devil would like to discourage us, so that the good we could accomplish would be lost. He would be delighted to block the wheels of our success for fear that some good to the work of the

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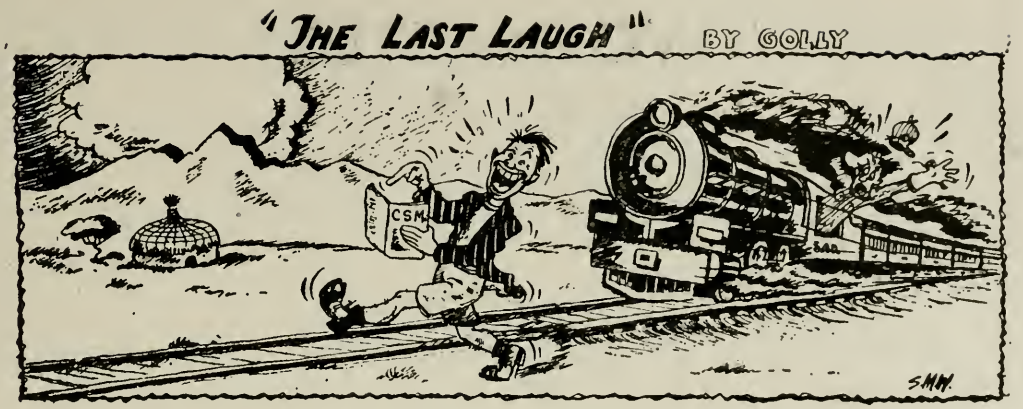


**Hungary for Knowledge.**

Teacher: "Is it correct to say 'You have et.'?"

Jimmie: "No, it is wrong."

Teacher: "Why is it wrong to say 'You have et.'?"

Jimmie: "Because I ain't et. yet."

Boy's Life.

**Surprised!**

Mother: "Why, son, you have mud all over your new pants. What happened?"

Son: "I fell in the creek and I didn't have time to take them off before I fell in."

Boy's Life.

**Why He Didn't!**

The warden of an insane asylum in Germany received word that Hitler was planning a visit to the asylum, so he taught the patients to say "Heil Hitler."

When Hitler arrived the men were lined up and they "Heiled" Hitler. Adolph shouted "You at the end of the line, why do you not Heil?" The man at the end replied: "I am not crazy, I am the warden!"

B.L.

**An Eyefull.**

A fat lady came up to a policeman and said, "Could you see me across the street?"

The policeman replied, "Lady, I could see you a mile away!"

B.L.

**Difference.**

"What's the difference between an auction and seasickness?"

"One is the sale of effects, and the other is the effects of a sail!"

B.L.

**Cags.**

"Is your dentist a careful dentist?"

"Yes—he filled my teeth with great pains!"

B.L.

**Double Stop.**

"Why wasn't you at the 28th street station like I told you to be?" says Dopey.

"Aw," says Mopey, "the train I was on didn't stop at 28th street, so I got off twice at 14th street, where was you?"

B.L.

**Time Out!**

Candidate: "Friends, I have lived here all my life. In this state there are 100 jails. I'm proud to say that I have never been in one of them."

Voice: "Which one is that?"

B.L.

**Policy of Speed.**

Bill: "My insurance company is so fast that a man got his cheque half an hour after his accident."

Phil: "That's nothing. My company is so fast that a man fell off a ten storey building, and picked his cheque up as he passed the third floor."

B.L.

**We Have Heard.**

Lawyer: "And he ate his dinner in silence after you quarrelled?"

Client: "No. We had soup."

B.L.

**Trapped.**

Customer: "Remember that cheese you sold me yesterday?"

Grocer: "Yes."

Customer: "Did you say it was imported or deported from Switzerland?"

B.L.

Customer: "Sure this bird sings all right, but I tell you he is lame, and I want to return him."

Dealer: "Listen, mister, you told me you wanted a singer. You did not tell me you wanted him to dance."

B.L.

(All jokes on this page are taken from Boy's Life Magazine.—A.G.S.)

# TWO MASTERS

ONE of the best known passages in the Bible is that in which the Lord says: "No man can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

Although Jesus taught this principle early in his ministry, and upheld it throughout his life, strangely enough one of the classic examples of the truth of the teaching came from within his own circle.

Judas Iscariot had been called with the others of the Twelve, and had been sent out with the same instruction received by the others, to heal the sick, to raise the dead, even to cast out devils. He was given the same promise of divine aid, was told he would be hated and persecuted, but was assured salvation if he endured to the end.

But Judas was a man who endeavoured to serve two masters—God and mammon. He evidently desired to continue travelling with the Lord, and even to go out preaching when sent. Yet at the same time he was a thief, a "lover of the purse"; he coveted the costly ointment, and wanted to sell it for the money he would get out of it. He loved the things of this world, and yet paraded under the cloak of righteousness. While a thief at heart, he clung to the Master and the Twelve.

Before men he gave the appearance of piety, a preacher of the word, a follower of the great Nazarene who healed the sick and raised the dead, and was able to feed thousands from a few loaves and fishes. But deep in his heart he had a dearer love, one he was not willing to admit before men —it was his love for money. This love he nursed secretly; for it he was willing to cheat so that he earned the title of thief even among his brethren. It swayed his judgment, made him covetous and blinded him so that he failed to see the real meaning of the anointing of Christ. This avarice was diametrically opposed to the teachings of Jesus, opposed to the teachings of Judas himself must have given as he went out with the others of the Twelve to teach the way of life. Yet he tried to follow both paths.

On the fateful night in Gethsemane, again Judas tried to sail under two flags. He had bargained with the crucifiers of the Lord. He was willing to deliver the Saviour into their hands. Yet he was apparently afraid to openly declare himself against the Lord. In the very act of betrayal Judas endeavoured to appear as a friend of Jesus not as a betrayer. The betrayal was a secret between himself and the Lord's enemies, so he thought. Instead of openly pointing out the Lord to the crucifiers, Judas resorted to subterfuge. He used a kiss to give the appearance of devotion to the Lord, and yet it was a secret sign to the mobsters that the one thus kissed was the Lord, whom they should seize. Saying "Hail Master," he sought to have the Lord believe he was still one of his loyal followers; yet he had agreed with his wicked paymasters that such would be the sign of betrayal. Lacking the courage and possibly the desire to openly declare his alliance with the enemies of the Lord, he sought to obtain the betrayal money and at the same time retain the confidence of the Christ.

Such was the thinking of the man who betrayed the Lord. Having been taught for three years that he could not serve two masters, he endeavoured to do so notwithstanding. Having been told that he could not serve God and mammon, he kissed the Master, hailed him friend, and yet clung to the thirty pieces of silver.

How many there are in life who follow the example of Judas, who love the things of this world, who follow earthly lusts, and yet seek to cover themselves over with a cloak of spirituality.

As the Lord said, no man can serve God and mammon. We must choose whom we will serve. Let no man deceive himself into thinking he can serve both. Judas tried and failed. Let us not follow his example.

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